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Denise:

I spoke with Shoren Brown of TU and got clarification regarding who he is bringing in for this meeting that Darren set up for 3/3. The group is better targeted for a short (20 min) political level discussion with Nancy Stoner and you rather than you and technical staff as it is currently organized.

The folks TU is bringing in plan to spend time on the Hill speaking with a number of key members of Congress from both political parties including the entire AK delegation, Appropriations committee members, and others regarding BB. This type of discussion is much better targeted at Nancy and would likely be of great interest to Nancy given the recent attention our BB assessment announcement has garnered as well as the various budget riders coming out of the House.

They can meet with you and Nancy on March 1, 2 or 3. Would it be possible to get some time on Nancy's schedule for her to hear from these folks?

Thanks, Palmer

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Bristol Bay Alaska

Thu 03/03/2011 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

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Chair: Denise Keehner/DC/USEPA/US
Sent By: Darren Reid/DC/USEPA/US

Location:

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Thank you so much for all of your hard work on Bristol Bay. I hope we can find some time to visit during the first week March.

Who: Sportsmen, business owners and political leaders who depend on Bristol Bay, Alaska for their job and way of life. We are concerned about the proposed Pebble mine and are on record in support of an EPA Clean Water Act 404c action in Bristol Bay. The EPA's work in Bristol Bay gained national attention <<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/14/opinion/14mon3.html>> last week and is currently threatened by a number of legislative proposals and appropriations amendments.

Why: The USEPA is currently considering requests from tribes, churches, commercial fishermen, native corporations and sportsmen for a preemptive Clean Water Act 404c action in Bristol Bay Alaska. Bristol Bay is home to the largest wild salmon fishery on the planet worth over \$400 million per year and employs thousands of people from Alaska and around the United States. All of this is currently threatened by the proposed Pebble mine. If developed, Pebble would be the largest open pit mine in North America. The hunters and anglers traveling to Washington DC in early April are leaders in their communities and are eager to discuss the political and technical aspects of the proposed Pebble mine and the petitions for a 404c action in Bristol Bay.

When: We are available March 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Biographies of participants:

Rick Halford – Former State Senate President Rick Halford is well-respected for his role as a political leader in Alaska. A popular Republican, he served for nearly 25 years in the Alaska State Legislature, with multiple terms as both Senate President and Senate Majority leader.

Brian Kraft – Owner of the Alaska Sportsmans Lodge and Alaska Sportsman's Bear Trail Lodge on the Kvichak River and Naknek River respectively. He became involved in conservation after doing his own research into the potential negative impacts the proposed Pebble Mine could have on his business. Kraft is also an airplane pilot and a former professional hockey player.

Joe Klutsch – Joe became a Registered Guide in 1980 and earned his Master Guide License in 1992. He has served as President of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association for eight years and is the recipient of the Safari Club International Professional Hunter of the Year award (1996), the Dallas Safari Club Professional Hunter of the Year award (1998), and the Wild Sheep Foundation Frank Golata Outstanding Outfitter Award (1999).

Karen Wilken – Karen was born and raised in Alaska. She is the daughter of a former legislator from Fairbanks, Alaska and currently holds position of Marketing Director at the Sage/Redington/Rio family of fly fishing brands, one of the biggest brands in the industry and based in Washington State.

Scott Hed, Director of Sportsman's Alliance for Alaska - Scott Hed works to educate the hunting and angling community on important lands issues in Alaska - particularly the proposed Pebble Mine. He has recruited over 325 hunting and angling groups and businesses in support of protecting Bristol Bay, ranging from catch and release angling groups and fly rod makers to big game trophy hunting groups and firearms manufacturers.

Very best -

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